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DOORDARSHAN RELAY CENTRES IN VILLAGES OF U.P.
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Azamgarh, Mau, Jaunpur, Gazipur and Varanasi districts of Uttar Pradesh are linked with local relay centres and national network;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase their range;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF T DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): The Doordarshan programmes are available throughout the country, via satellite. The terrestrial coverage in an area depends on range of transmitters operating there and in nearby areas/districts. The data on number of villages getting coverage in each district is not maintained by Doordarshan.

(b),(c)&(d): There is no approved scheme to upgrade the range of any transmitter located in these districts. However, a High Power Transmitter for DD2 service is under installation at Varanasi. Further expansion of Doordarshannetwork in the area is dependent on availability of resources with Doordarshan and inter-se priorities.